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SUBJECT: BIODATA - ATSUHIKO YATABE

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1. AS CHIEF, SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS SECTION, UN BUREAU, YATABE PARTICIPATED IN SOME ASPECTS OF FAIRLY LENGTHY AND COMPLEX NEGOTIATIONS WHICH PRECEDED CONCLUSION OF US-JAPAN AGREEMENT ON SPACE COOPERATION SIGNED AT TOKYO JULY 31, 1969, THROUGHOUT WHICH HE REMAINED RECEPTIVE TO POSITIONS PUT FORTH BY US SIDE, ARTICULATE IN PRESENTATION OF JAPANESE POSITION, AND DISCREET DURING ENTIRE PROCESS IN FACE OF INTENSE PRESS INTEREST. IT WAS ALSO APPARENT THAT HE WAS ABLE TO PLAY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN KEEPING ATTENTION OF HIS IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR, THEN UN BUREAU DIRECTOR AKIRA SHIGEMITSU, FOCUSED ON SUBSTANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

2. IN 1971 PUBLISHING HOUSE YUSHINDO PUBLISHED 287-PAGE BOOK BY YATABE ENTITLED QTE THEORY OF NPT -- CONVERNING NUCLEAR ALTERNATIVES UNQTE, WHICH APPEARS TO BE EXPANDED POPULAR VERSION OF PAPER HE CIRCULATED WITHIN MOFA TO GOOD EFFECT PRIOR TO GOJ DECISION TO SIGN NPT. BOOK AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, JX 1974.7Y38.

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3. EMBASSY RECALLS THAT HERBERT LEVIN, NOW ASSIGNED EA/J, HAD FAIRLY FREQUENT CONTACT WITH YATABE ON NPT AND RELATED MATTERS. ROBERT WEBBER MOW ASSIGNED SCI ALSO HAD REGULAR CONTACT WITH YATABE.

4. YATABE LISTS GOLF AS HOBBY IN BIO OF GOJ OFFICIALS. WIFE NAMED YOKO, FOUR CHILDREN, SONS KAZUHIKO BORN 1954, YASUHIKO BORN 1956 AND YOSHIHIKO BORN 1966, AND DAUGHTER MARI BORN 1962.
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